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Letter dated 18 December 2009 from the Permanent Representative of Cyprus to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Upon instructions from my Government and further to my letter dated 9 October 2009 addressed to you (A/64/488-S/2009/529), I have the honour to draw your attention to ongoing violations of the international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus by military aircraft of the Turkish Air Force, recorded from 1 October to 26 November 2009, as follows:

On 1 October 2009, two F-4, two F-16 and two Cougar Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations three times and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus twice.

On 3 October 2009, one CN-235 Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations twice and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus twice.

On 8 October 2009, two F-16, one CN-235 and one Cougar Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus three times.

On 12 October 2009, one C-160 Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations five times and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus.

On 13 October 2009, one CN-235 Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus.

On 14 October 2009, one B-200 and one Cougar Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations three times and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus three times.

On 15 October 2009, two F-16, two CN-235 and one C-160 Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations five times and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus five times.

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On 19 October 2009, one Cougar Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus.

On 20 October 2009, three C-160 Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations four times.

On 21 October 2009, three F-16, two C-160, one CN-235 and two Cougar Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations eight times and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus five times.

On 22 October 2009, one C-160 and two Cougar Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations four times and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus four times.

On 23 October 2009, one CN-235 and three Cougar Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations four times and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus three times.

On 27 and 28 October 2009, one B-200 and one Cougar Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations three times and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus three times.

On 4 November 2009, one CN-235 Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations twice and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus twice.

On 5 November 2009, two F-16, one CN-235 and one Cougar Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations twice and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus three times.

On 6 November 2009, two F-16 and one CN-235 Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus twice.

On 9 November 2009, two F-16 and one CN-235 Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations twice.

On 10 November 2009, two F-16, one Bell and nine Turkish military aircraft of unknown type violated international air traffic regulations five times and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus.

On 11 November 2009, 16 CN-235 Turkish military aircraft violated international traffic regulations seven times and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus three times.

On 12 November 2009, two C-130 and two CN-235 Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations seven times and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus six times.

On 13 November 2009, one CN-235 and one C-130 Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations twice and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus twice.

On 14 November 2009, nine NF-5 and two C-160 Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations six times and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus six times.

On 15 November 2009, 12 NF-5, 2 Cougar and 3 Cessna Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations five times and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus five times.

On 16 November 2009, two F-16, nine NF-5, two C-160 and two CN-235 Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations 11 times and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus nine times.

On 17 November 2009, two F-16, one CN-235 and one C-130 Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations four times and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus six times.

On 18 November 2009, four F-16, one CN-235, one B-200 and one C-160 Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations seven times and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus six times.

On 19 November 2009, eight F-16, two CN-235 and two Cougar Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations six times and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus four times.

On 20 and 21 November 2009, two F-16, one CN-235, one B-200 and one Cougar Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations six times and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus six times.

On 24 November 2009, two F-16 and two CN-235 Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations three times.

On 25 November 2009, one B-200 and one Cougar Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations three times and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus three times.

On 26 November 2009, one Cougar Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus.

On behalf of my Government, I strongly protest the aforementioned continued violations by Turkey and call for their immediate cessation.

Turkey's policy of non-observance of rules and regulations governing international aviation continues to gravely jeopardize flight safety and perpetuate insecurity and apprehension on the island. Furthermore, Turkey's systematic attempts to undermine the sovereignty and unity of the Republic of Cyprus by promoting an illegal secessionist entity, arrogating to itself, inter alia, the right to control part of the airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, further complicate the efforts to build trust and confidence between the two communities. Such policies and actions provide ample demonstration of the irresponsible behaviour of a country that now serves as a non-permanent member of the Security Council.

It was regrettable that in the recent report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations operation in Cyprus (S/2009/609), there was not a reference to the aforementioned violations by Turkey, since these violations had been mentioned in the previous report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations operation in Cyprus (S/2009/248).

The Government of Turkey should heed the call of the international community, abide by the Charter of the United Nations and respect the sovereignty,

independence and territorial integrity of the Republic of Cyprus, thus contributing to the creation of the required conditions for the achievement of a viable solution to the Cyprus problem, according to the agreed basis endorsed by numerous Security Council resolutions.

I should be grateful if you could have the present letter circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 21, and of the Security Council.

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